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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, a reply to which is due December 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this submission.